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PROPAGATION: Apr 9, Disturbed; Apr 10, below Normal; Apr 11, 12, Low Normal; Apr 13, High/Low Normal; Apr 14-16, Low Normal; Apr 17, High/Low Normal; Apr 18-20, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Date	Flux (83)	Alpha (83)	K (83)
209	198	3/30	101	21	4
219	185	3/31	99	20	2
228	174	4/1	101	16	3
213	174	4/2	101	12	3
221	170	4/3	100	16	3
220	158	4/4	101	13	3
226	160	4/5	99	16	2

CHINA TAKES BALL, GOES HOME

IN JULY, 1982, one Hoo Na, a young Chinese woman, came to the United States to play tennis, discovered double Cheese Whoppers taste better than rice balls, and decided to change her address. Last week the U.S. granted Hoo Na political asylum, and the People's Republic of China retaliated by cancelling, for the rest of the year, all "cultural exchange" programs with the U.S.

It is unlikely that this "setback," as Henry Kissinger called the cancellations, will have any effect on the amateur radio operations which began about a year ago in China. China classifies amateur radio as "sport," not cultural exchange, as do most Communist countries. Visiting Americans have not been allowed to operate from the two active stations, BY1PK and BY8AA, anyway, so nothing will change on that front. It will take some time to see if any word filters down through the bureaucracy to the amateur stations concerning contacts with the U.S.

The last time either station was reported was March 30.

20-METER PHONE BAND EXPANSION COMING!

THE FCC voted March 31 to expand the 20-Meter 'Phone band for U.S. amateurs, per the recommendation of ARRL (and others). Extras get 14150-175, Extra/Advanced get 14175-200, and General/Advanced/Extra get 14200-350. The expansion will be effective thirty days after publication in the Federal Register. FCC is also still considering phone band expansion proposals on other bands.

The only complaints heard so far have been from a few isolated Advanced class licensees, as they get "less" than Extras and Generals. Although both Advanced and Extra licensees picked up 50 KHz, only Extras got an "exclusive" segment.

SPRATLY: latest word (April 7, 1500Z), from NØZO/DU2, was the Spratly group (see previous issues) would arrive there Friday, April 8, for a 3-4 day stay. If band conditions continued as they had the previous several weeks, the only openings to most of North America would be 20 Meters 1200-1500Z and possibly 15 Meters around 2200Z.

Speaking of Spratly, the impending operation reminds us of several questions people have asked, and we can address them together at this time. Spratly is a long haul from the East Coast U.S., and band conditions have been miserable lately. They are merely a portent of the next six years or so. We are thankful that the Spratly group includes experienced operators who are good on CW, because it may be critical that they pick times of good propagation to population centers and work only those areas. Inexperienced operators can, and do, often ignore short openings out of ignorance.

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Regardless of what anti-CW people may say, that mode can get you through when SSB will not. Real CW operators understand that. If band conditions are really bad, the only chance many of us will have for a 2-way with Spratly will be on CW, and we are glad that DJ6SI, a fine code operator, is a part of the group.

Further...now that Extra class operators will have an exclusive segment of the 20-Meter phone band, they may be able to work some rare DX which is unavailable to other license classes. If the new 20-Meter phone segments were in effect today, and the Spratly group decided to spend a very short period of time on SSB, at, say, 14160, guess who would have a shot at them. Now that's incentive.

Our point is...if you are dead serious about your DXing, you'd better have an Extra Class license, and you'd better be able to work CW, particularly as conditions deteriorate. If you have an opposing viewpoint, let us have it.

BRIEFLY NOTED

New operator at the Polish base on Svalbard is SP5DED, signing JWØP. QSL manager is believed to be LA5NW (we're checking). Perhaps 250 SP licenses were reactivated for the SP DX Contest the weekend of Apr 2, and some of them continued operating into the following week. Keep in mind this is 250 out of about 7,000 SP licenses before the USSR rolled in.

DAYTON HAMVENTION CW copying contest (see TDXB 184) will not be having an assault on T.R. McElroy's record, says the latest W5YI Report; WB7VKI is now saying that he can only read in his head at the 70+ wpm level. Shucks, almost everyone knows that the hard part is transcribing to paper, and many of us can copy 70 wpm in our heads. C'mon, Jerry!

Another shot at Canada's St. Paul Island may take place this year. The effort last July netted 14,000 contacts, but 12K of them were with North America, and the need is still great, especially in Asia.

Other publications are touting another Mt. Athos operation this spring, but we have not had our usual official word from IØMGM yet.

SILENT KEY

When an Honor Roll DXer passed away recently, his widow did not have time to take care of his final request...to be buried in a blue sport coat with the ARRL diamond and the words "DXCC Honor Roll" embroidered in gold on it. But when she went to view the body, there was John in his blue sport coat, and the undertaker only charged ten dollars for the jacket.

The undertaker explained by telling John's widow that another Honor Roll member's body had been brought in the same day. That one had been such a fanatic he had only one jacket, a blue one with "DXCC Honor Roll" embroidered on it. As John had been wearing a brown suit, exactly what the other Honor Roll member's widow wanted hubby buried in, the undertaker merely did the natural thing.

"But, surely," the widow said, "you hired a tailor. The blue jacket fit my John just perfectly."

"Not at all, madam," replied the undertaker. "We merely swapped heads."

(Above adapted from Totem Tabloid, newsletter of the Western Washington DX Club).

Jim Smith, VK9NS, is quoted in the latest issue of the So. Cal DX Club Bulletin as saying that the other Heard group (the VK6 group, TDXB Issue 183) is not exactly correct in all their statements. Smith did not elaborate, except to say that his logsheets are not lost. Smith is vaccillating now about going to the Hamvention.

The same Bulletin has VE7BC, recently returned from BY1PK, saying that although antennas are up on their new building, BY1PK is still in the old one, with low antennas. DX-NL (Germany) says OY7W is going to visit Beijing in May. And a Hong-Kong-to-Beijing car rally is on tap for September, with some sort of "amateur radio communications" being mentioned.

Various publications are reporting that Pradhan, A51PN, has been off the air since last September, due to "rig troubles." And an S2BTK was heard 14282 recently, no other details.

BANDPASS: Call/Frequency/UTC (plus West, Central, East Coast report)/Date

CE0AE 28531 23E 27	KJ8G/	UK8GAA 14007 04E 28	3B8CF 3505 02E 3
CN2AQ 28035 17C 27	J6L 7003 08W 29	UI8LBB 14018 04E 28	3B8FK 21025 14E 3
CN2EU 14214 00C 31	KJ8G/	UI8ADQ 14015 01C 6	K1BJ/
CN2AQ 3503 03E 2	J6L 14028 22E 29	UJ8SAO 14024 12E 1	3B8 14028 03E 4
CT2EE 7006 23E 31	AH9AA 14310 05C 2	VE3ANL/a 14028 23E 1	3B8FG 14028 13C 5
CT2DG 28570 15E 3	K0TT/	(Sable)	4K1F 7000 22E 1
C31NP 14028 00E 28	KH0 14031 13E 2	VE3ANL/1 7007 03E 3	4X4JU 3501 23E 31
C53DF 21300 19W 6	K0TT/	VE3ANL/1 3507 03E 3	5B4MF 28610 15E 27
D44BS 28521 13E 2	KH0 14030 15C 2	VK9NS 14220 06E 27	5Z4CQ 21027 14E 1
EA6EJ 14031 00E 29	KX6AB 14011 13E 27	VU2KMK 14029 12E 27	5Z4CQ 21026 18E 2
EA8BF 21027 19E 1	ON5UM/	VU2LV 21037 16E 27	6W8DS 28597 13E 3
EA9EO 28028 17C 27	LX 7001 20E 3	VU2GTH 14028 02E 28	6W8AH 28527 14E 3
EA9KQ 14015 23E 28	M1C 21025 19E 27	VU2AU 14214 12E 30	7P8CM 28605 16E 3
EA9JE 28596 14E 2	OY7ML 7006 23E 29	VU2BK 7002 23E 2	9H1BB 14005 22E 31
EL7M 7004 21E 3	K3UOC/	V2AR 14035 13E 27	9J2BO 28025 19E 27
FO8EW 21020 23E 28	PJ5 7011 00E 1	XT2AW 7002 21E 3	9J2LL 14031 18C 11
FO8IK 14032 03E 2	K3UOC/	YC1BMK 21023 23W 28	9K2BE 28510 15E 27
FR7BP 14035 04E 2	PJ7 7003 02E 2	YI1BGD 14210 17E 4	9N1MM 14026 14E 6
GD3YDB 28024 13E 27	PZ1DV 28021 14E 27	ZC4YC 14032 00E 31	
GU5BLG 21026 16E 27	SV0BP/9 7008 04E 28	ZD7WT 28040 17C 27	Mail reports to
HB0BFN 14004 12E 1	S83W 28550 15E 3	ZD7WT 7002 01E 1	recah Vernon by
HK0BKX 14011 14W 1	TL8ER 21025 21E 27	ZD8TM 14019 20C 29	Wednesday, or phone:
HK0BKX 14028 13C 4	TL8DC 28557 13E 2	ZD8LM 28520 17E 2	
HT1JCC 3505 03E 2	TR8DC 21021 20E 29	ZK2RS 14207 03E 26	203-871-7699.
HZ1AB 7001 04E 31	TR8JD 14045 01C 30	ZK2RS 14200 06E 27	
H44SH 14240 07E 27	TR8JD 7003 00E 31	ZL1AMO/C 3504 11E 1	Best contributor of
JA1YPP/	TR8JD 7002 22E 1	ZL1AMO/C 7005 11E 2	information each
JD1 7003 15W 28	TR8JD 14042 01E 2	ZL1AMO/C 28026 22E 3	month wins a <u>free</u>
JT1AO 14026 13C 4	TT8/	ZS3HL 28530 15E 27	<u>year</u> of <u>TDXB</u> . Win-
JT1BN 14030 14E 6	DJ5RT 21331 17E 29	Z21CK 28509 14E 3	ner for March is
JY9RC 14011 23E 30	TU2JL 14220 03E 30	K1BJ/	<u>Bob Beatty</u> , <u>W4VQ</u> .
JY8KG 21251 16E 2	UA9UCO 7007 11E 1	3B9 21025 17E 1	
JY9CZ 7003 04E 2	EK9E/0 14014 03E 28	3B8CF 7006 02E 2	
J28DP 21027 19E 27	UD6DKW 14004 04E 2	K1BJ/	
J28CI 14025 22E 31	UF6FN 14007 04E 2	3B9 14009 18E 2	



ALAN, VK0CW, MACQUARIE ISLAND

CALENDAR

Chatham ZLIAMO/C stops about Apr 12
 China No BY reports since Mar 30; I 184, 185
 Trindade PY1EFM/PYØT on 15/20 SSB; I 184
 YASME JY8KG a few more days, then home to W6
 Rodriguez Sometimes 3B9DA, sometimes 3B8DA/3B9, until May

Crozet No reports on FB8WI for three weeks
 Guinea Still looking for 3C1 by F6BBJ now; also talk of S9 operation
 Spratly Should be on until about Apr 11/12
 W Kiribati VK3AWN (T3ØCX) delayed in Fiji; T3Ø later

Egypt N5RM/SU until Apr 12, mostly CW
 Indonesia By K4YT Apr 11-18
 Sierra Leona Field Day Apr 9/10
 Monaco 3A by W6QHS, KA6HSM Apr 13-15
 Virgin Is AD8J/KP2 Apr 17-24

San Marino M1 changes to T7Ø Apr 20
 Convention Int'l DX, Visalia, CA, Apr 22-24
 Hamvention Dayton, Apr 29-May 1
 Macao CR9T by WA4IKZ May 2-8; I 181
 Ogasawara By KC2HQ, JR1YGP, last of April

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 K2OLG, KA3R, K1NH, K1XM,
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DX CALL

CEØEVG/CEØZ
 CQ3BX
 C53AL
 C53EK
 EL2BE
 EL2P
 JT1AO
 KG4CD
 TL8TX
 VO2CP
 VP8WA
 VS5HG
 Y11BGD
 ZK1DA
 5H3FN
 9L1DR
 9X5MB

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 POB 638, FUNCHAL, MADEIRA
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 PO BOX 1Ø11, MONROVIA
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 BOX 585, FBPO NORFOLK, VA 23593
 TEX, BOX 2Ø5, BANGUI
 336 CHURCHILL FALLS, LAB. AØR 1AØ
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